



New Westminister Public Library Policy Manual

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New Westminister Residents

General

Membership is available without charge to all residents of New Westminister. Two (2) pieces of identification are required for adult cards, including one (1) piece of picture identification and one (1) proof of residence. When proof of address cannot be provided, a borrower may register for an Internet Only card.

New library cards holders will have their borrowing privileges limited for the first month of registration.

Children

A registration form bearing the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required before a library card is issued to a child. This signature indicates recognition by the parent or guardian of their:

- Legal responsibility for library materials borrowed with the card.
- Responsibility to monitor materials borrowed and in-library use of the Internet by the child.

While Library staff may advise users as to the suitability of age level or reading difficulty of children's materials, the signing adult is explicitly permitting the child use of the entire library collection. It is the prerogative of parents or guardians to develop, interpret and enforce their own standards in their own households. They are responsible for their children's choice of books or other materials read, watched or listened to in, or borrowed from, the Library.

There is no minimum age limit for a registration for a children's library card. Children's cards expire upon the child's reaching the 13th birthday, at which time he or she assumes signing authority for an adult library card.

Hospital Residents

Membership is available without charge to residents of nursing homes, private hospitals, intermediate care homes and long-term care wards or hospitals within the City's boundaries. Such cards may be used at the Library in person or by a friend or relative who is borrowing material for the cardholder.